

CRTF to assist govt in planting 1m saplings on August 9:

From Our Staff Correspondent

ISLAMABAD: Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) on Youth Affairs Muhammad Usman Dar Wednesday said the government would commemorate the 'Tiger Force' day on August 9 by planting one million trees in every nook and cranny of the country.

Addressing a news conference, he said, the Prime Minister's Corona Relief Tiger Force (CRTF) would assist the government departments in carrying out the massive tree plantation drive across the country.

"The 'Tiger Force' day will be marked with full zeal and fervor and the milestone of planting one million trees in one day will be achieved with the help of volunteers of tiger force," he added.

The SAPM said the District Forest Officers had been directed to provide plants to all the local administrations after identifying



the locations for plantation. Deputy Commissioners and Assistant Commissioners would coordinate with the CRTF members to facilitate them in reaching the identified spots, where they would help the government officials in planting saplings.

"There was a record of planting 600,000 saplings in a day but this time, Prime Minister has announced to plant 1,000,000 trees in one day with the help of tiger force. We will set a new record on August 9," he remarked.

Usman Dar said the CRTF would be seen carrying out the plantation drive from Karachi to Bannu on the occasion of 'Tiger Force' day. "Our chief ministers, governors, parliamentarians, Prime Minister himself and MPAs will take

part in this drive."

He said about half a million trees would be planted in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa only. The province had already received worldwide acclaim for planting one billion trees in the past.

The SAPM said the 'green selfie' feature had been installed in the 'tiger force app', introduced by the Punjab Information Technology Board to register the work of CRTF volunteers.

He said the application was also meant to empower the volunteers. For instance, the CRTF members could directly report the violations of anti-COVID SOPs (Standard Operating Procedures) to the local administrations directly with this application.

Usman Dar lamented the opposition for ridiculing the CRTF and pointed out its worldwide acknowledgment. He said recently the All-China Youth Federation has requested the government of Pakistan to share operational details of the CRTF.



RAWALPINDI: Workers wash of sacrificial animals at a service station as ahead of Eid-ul-Azha. —Online

Turkish Democratic and National Unity Day Sovereignty rests unconditionally and unrestrictedly with the nation: Mustafa Kemal

Syed Shakeel Gillani

The President Recep

Tayyip Erdogan addressed the nation on the occasion of Democracy and National Unity Day and said "They once again tried to put chains on this freedom-loving nation and thanks to Allah, they failed.

We defeated with a glorious resistance the traitors seeking to silence our adhan, take down our flag, trample on the national will and ruin our future "President also mentioned that the citizens, who took part in the resistance, shall never be forgotten. He further said every individual of our nation has proven that they may become an unbeatable Hero for their adhan, flag, freedom and future when need be.

President prayed for martyrs of July 15th and their true struggle and well being to the Ghazis. President emphasized that the victory our nation achieved on July 15th is not an ordinary success.

One must look at the struggle the Turkish people have been waging on these lands for a thousand years.

The Turkish nation pays tribute to its martyrs and veterans, who thwarted the

coup attempt of FETO Terrorism Organization four years ago in 2016 and acknowledge the same as the Day of Democracy and National Unity every year.

The activity of same episode with the Turkish national anthem was observed here in Pakistan under the SOPs imposed by the government at Yunus Emre Turkish Cultural Center Lahore, simultaneously with the presence of limited number of Turkish guests, who participated with patriotic spirit and paid homage to 251 Hero's, who they sacrificed their lives for sovereignty of their beloved country and against persona non grata Fetullah Gulen, who was the mastermind behind what happened in Turkey on July 15th, 2016.

Gulen disciples plan and tried to capture the Turkish Republic, within the armed forces did not shy away from using lethal military force against innocent civilians resultantly wounded thousands.

They wanted to assassinate the President of the Republic of Turkey also attacked the Prime Minister's vehicle, air bombed the Grand National Assembly, the President Complex, the building of National Intelligence Building and Turkish National Police departments were attacked.

That was the bloodiest terrorism in the history of Turkey. A short movie based on coup attempt and bloodshed was shown to the audience.

Emir Ozbay, The Consul General said on the occasion that the fight against FETO



structures abroad has been among the top priorities of the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The Consul General admittedly said about the Judgment, passed by honourable Supreme Court of Pakistan announced a verdict on December 28th 2018, with the directions that FETO to be designated a terrorist group under relevant Pakistani Law and FETO affiliated educational institutions to be transferred to Turkish Maarif Foundation, Emir also thanked to Judiciary and Pakistani brothers for their close cooperation against FETO structures and handing over the management of PAK Turk schools.

The Consul General appreciated the Management of Yunus Emre Turkish Cultural Center Lahore on excellent arrangements.

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'Subsidy in chemical engineering sector' to boost local products: Fawad

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ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Science and Technology, Fawad Chaudhry Wednesday emphasized to provide subsidy to 'Chemical Engineering sector' as Chemical engineers are making important contributions.

Chemical engineering is considered one of the top highly paid degrees in the world, but unfortunately in Pakistan, chemical engineering were neglected in past governments but now the government striving to promote it, Fawad Ch said while talking to a private news channel.

"We will allow the chemical engineers to

use their unique skills to turn the nation into a modern and industrialized one", he assured.

He said chemical industry is the backbone of country's industrial and agricultural development and for achieving the industry's ambitious growth targets will require a combination of policy intervention, company-level initiatives, industry-academic partnerships, wise investments, and greater international access.

Talking about stunts, he said the Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP) has already issued a license to the National University of Science and Technology (NUST) to manufacture cardiac stents in the country.

Several countries tighten COVID-19 curbs over fears of a second wave

PARIS: Spain and Germany were among the countries tightening restrictions in a bid to cool coronavirus hotspots that have sparked fears of a second wave.

The World Health Organization warned that the virus did not appear to be affected by seasonality, as the global death toll from the pandemic passed 654,000 Tuesday - nearly a third of the dead in Europe, according to an AFP tally.

More than 100,000 deaths have been recorded since Jul 9 and the global toll has doubled in just over two months.

The UN's World Tourism Organization said the sector lost US\$320 billion in revenue globally during the first five months of 2020, threatening millions of livelihoods.

This is "more than three times the loss during the Global Financial Crisis of 2009", the Madrid-based body said in a statement.

The International Air Transport Association meanwhile warned that global air traffic would not return to levels seen before the coronavirus pandemic until at least 2024.

Spain, one of the countries hit hardest by the pandemic, insisted it was still a safe destination for tourists despite tackling 361 active



outbreaks and more than 4,000 new cases. Several countries have nonetheless imposed quarantines on people returning from Spain, including its biggest tourist market, Britain. The strict lockdown in Spain destroyed more than a million jobs during the second quarter of the year, the National Statistics Institute (INE) reported Tuesday - mainly in tourism.

Germany, which has registered an average of 557 new cases a day over the past week, tweaked its mask rules, saying they must be worn outdoors wherever social distancing was not possible.

"We must prevent that the virus once again spreads rapidly and un-

controllably," its disease control agency said Tuesday. Iran suffered its worst day yet of the pandemic, reporting 235 new deaths on Tuesday, a record toll for a single day in the Middle East's hardest-hit country.

"The situation is worrying," health ministry spokeswoman Sima Sadat Lari said, with Tehran, the most populous province, hitting the highest category on the country's coronavirus risk scale. Officials have made masks mandatory in enclosed public spaces and allowed Tehran and other hard-hit provinces to reimpose the restrictions progressively lifted since April to reopen Iran's sanctions-hit

China slams EU export curbs on Hong Kong over security law

BEIJING: China slammed a decision by the European Union to limit exports of surveillance equipment to Hong Kong over concerns about a controversial new security law in the city.

The law, which was fast-tracked onto the statute books in June after months of protests in semi-autonomous Hong Kong, threatens life sentences for vaguely worded offences including secession and subversion of state power.

Critics say it violates the "One Country, Two Systems" arrangement that has governed Hong Kong since Britain returned the former colony to China in 1997, allowing the city freedoms unseen on the Chinese mainland. The EU limit on exports "violates the basic international relations norm of non-interference in



other countries' internal affairs", Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin said Wednesday.

"China firmly opposes this and has made stern representations with the EU," he said at a regular press briefing. The EU has struggled to agree on a united response to China's

growing clout. Member states are divided over whether to stand up to Beijing - a hugely important trading partner - or try to cooperate. But the 27 nations on Tuesday came together around a proposal from France and Germany to limit exports to HK of technology. —AFP

EU set to drop Algeria from safe country travel list

BRUSSELS: The European Union is set to exclude Algeria from its safe list of countries from which the bloc allows non-essential travel after a meeting of EU ambassadors.

The list of countries will fall to 11, assuming the provisional decision is confirmed in writing by EU members, two EU diplomats familiar with the discussions said. The deadline for submissions was likely to be Thursday afternoon.

The safe countries deemed to have COVID-19 largely under control are Australia, Canada, Georgia, Japan, Morocco, New Zealand, Rwanda, South Korea, Tunisia and Uruguay.

China has also been provisionally approved, although travel would only open up if Chinese authorities also allowed in EU visitors. —AFP

US, Australia seek new military cooperation in face of China

WASHINGTON: The United States and Australia said they will expand military cooperation as tensions soar with China, presenting a common front between the allies.

Going ahead in Washington with annual talks despite the COVID-19 pandemic, Australia's foreign and defence ministers offered clear, if more mildly stated, support for a hawkish shift on China by President Donald Trump's administration. "The United States knows the threats that you and the rest of the free world face. And the United States stands with you in our unbreakable alliance," Secretary of State Mike Pompeo told the Australian ministers during a joint news conference.



US Defense Secretary Mark Esper hailed the participation of five Australian warships last week in exercises with a US carrier strike group and a Japanese destroyer in the Philippine Sea. "These exercises not only bolster interoperability, but also send a clear signal we will sail and we will operate wherever international law allows and defend the rights of our allies and partners to do the same," Esper said. Australian Defence Minister Linda Reynolds said the two countries will build ties across a slew of defense areas including hypersonic, electronic and space-based warfare. The cooperation will "strengthen our shared ability to contribute to regional security and to deter malign behavior in our region", she said. US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo listens while Australia's Foreign Minister Marise Payne. —AFP

Moderna vaccine protects against COVID-19 in monkey study

CAMBRIDGE, Massachusetts: Moderna said its experimental COVID-19 vaccine induced a robust immune response and protected against infection in a study on monkeys.

The vaccine, mRNA-1273, given to non-human primates protected against infection in the lungs and nose, and prevented pulmonary disease in all animals, the company said in a news release. Results of the study in rhesus macaque monkeys were published in the New England Journal of Medicine.

It appeared to be an improvement over results of AstraZeneca's COVID-19 vaccine in a similar study.

While results of the animal study may raise confidence in the vaccine, Moderna has already begun testing it in humans. On Monday, the company began a late-stage study that intends to test its messenger RNA vaccine against a placebo in 30,000 healthy volunteers. Positive results in that trial could clear the way for regulatory approval and widespread use as early as the end of this year. Effective vaccines are seen as critical to ending a pandemic that has taken the lives of more than 655,000 people globally. In the study involving 24 monkeys, Moderna tested doses of 10 micrograms or 100 micrograms of the vaccine against no treatment.

Both doses proved effective at protecting against viral replication in the lungs and lung inflammation, with the larger dose also protecting against viral replication in the nose of the animals.

A rival vaccine being developed by AstraZeneca and Oxford University - among the most advanced in human trials - in a similar animal study also appeared to prevent damage to the lungs and keep the virus from making copies of itself there. But the virus still actively replicated in the nose in that study.

Moderna, which has never brought a vaccine to market, has received nearly US\$1 billion from the US government for its efforts. The United States is helping bankroll several vaccine candidates under its Operation Warp Speed program. Our comprehensive coverage of the coronavirus outbreak and its developments. —AFP

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